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In re Application of
Martin Fischer et al.
Application No. 10/526,749
Filed: November 14, 2005
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0219-00

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: LETTER REGARDING
: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
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This letter is in response to the "NOTICE OF POSSIBLE PTO ERROR IN THE DETERMINATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT AND REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF CALCULATION", filed October 26, 2009. Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicants note that the patent term adjustment pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b) of 91 days indicated on the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment, PTOL-85, should be 62 days instead.

The request for correction of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **GRANTED**. The PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 62 days.

The Office has updated the PALM screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is sixty-two (62) days. A copy of the updated PALM screen, showing the corrected determination, is enclosed.

On October 14, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 91 days. Applicants direct the office to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and the Terminal Disclaimer filed October 7, 2009 and argue therefore that the time deducted for applicant delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) should have been a 62 day deduction for applicant delay.

A review of the record reveals that the initial determination of patent term adjustment of 91 days is incorrect.

After the filing on July 23, 2009 of a Request for Continued Examination, in response to a Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2009, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and a Terminal Disclaimer were both filed October 7, 2009. The terminal disclaimer was incorrectly listed as having been filed on September 8, 2009. Thus, instead of a 47 day reduction for applicant delay pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.704(b), 76 days should have been accorded.

37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) provides that:

the submission of a supplemental reply or other paper, other than a supplemental reply or other paper expressly requested by the examiner,

after a reply has been filed, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed and ending on the date that the supplemental reply or other such paper was filed;

In this instance, the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Terminal Disclaimer on October 7, 2009 is considered a failure to engage under 1.704(c)(8) as neither was expressly requested by the examiner nor did the IDS include a 1.704(d) statement.

The period of reduction pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) is 76 days, counting the number of days in the period beginning on the day after the initial reply was filed, July 23, 2009 and ending on the date of filing of the last supplemental paper, the IDS and Terminal Disclaimer filed October 7, 2009. Accordingly, a period of reduction of 76 days is being entered.

In view thereof, the determination of Patent Term Adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is SIXTY-TWO (62) days (190 days of Office delay reduced by 128 days of applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the application. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Patricia Faison-Ball at (571) 272-3212.

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Enclosure: Copy of Revised PALM Screen

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Application Filing Date:	11/14/2005	PTO Delay (PTO):	190
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	99
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	62
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